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SUBSTRATE AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

In response to the Order Remanding to Examiner mailed November 16, 2005 and the Office Communication dated March 9, 2006, Appellants submit herewith, a corrected claim Appendix. Appellants note that a complete reply to the Order Remanding to Examiner was previously submitted to the USPTO on February 7, 2006. A copy of the previously submitted response, together with the stamped acknowledgement postcard, are submitted concurrently herewith.

Appellants submit that the accompanying Appendix contains a correct copy of the claims involved in the present Appeal. The discrepancies noted by the Program and Resource Administrator with respect to claims 1, 6, 8 and 9 have been corrected by Appellants. Claims 1,

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6, 8 and 9 now match the claims as submitted in the Amendment of March 4, 2002. Moreover, with respect to claim 15, Appellants acknowledge the presence of unequal brackets in the marked-up version of claim 15 submitted in the Amendment of March 4, 2002. However, the clean version of claim 15, as presented in the Amendment of March 4, 2002, accurately reflects the language Appellants intended to submit with the Amendment of March 4, 2002.

Further, Appellants telephoned Examiner Shakeri on February 7, 2006 to discuss claim 15. Examiner Shakeri indicated during the telephone interview that the language of claim 15, as recited in the clean version, was used as the basis for the final rejection dated April 18, 2002. The language of claim 15, as now presented in the attached Appendix, matches that of the clean version of claim 15.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 41.20, and in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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